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VVWRA Manager Appointed to Workforce Investment Board

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on April 13 appointed Logan R. Olds, general manager of the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, to the County's Workforce Investment Board. Olds was nominated for the post by First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt.

"We appoint members whose leadership helps our county build a competitive workforce that will attract new businesses, retain existing ones and create new jobs," said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. "Logan has been a leader in research into innovative environmental technologies and his presence on this board will help strengthen our county's efforts in that sector."

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is composed of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The WIB oversees the use of federal dollars to train the local workforce and support the county's employers. It partners with the county's largest industry sectors to identify workforce needs, create training programs, and prepare residents for in-demand jobs. Through the county's three Employment Resource Centers, the WIB also provides job placement, job search and career counseling.

"Environmental technology is a growing industry sector in our county and we welcome Logan to our team as we look forward to the direction and vision he will provide," said Sandy Harmsen, executive director of the WIB.

As general manager of the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, Olds is responsible for the overall management, operation, maintenance and capital improvements program for the authority's 12 million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility, pump stations and 40 miles of interceptor sewers.

Olds has already helped develop programs funded by the WIB to train local residents with the skills needed to gain employment in wastewater management. He also conducts research into new technologies to improve the efficiency of his facility. He holds a bachelor's degree in Ecology and a master's degree in Water and Wastewater Utilization from Humboldt State University, as well as a number of California certifications.

The Workforce Investment Board, through the county's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the county's Employment Resource Centers and Business Resource Centers. The Employment Resource Centers provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The Business Resource Centers support and provide services to the county's businesses.

More information about these services and facilities is available by calling (909) 387-9886 or http://www.sbcounty.gov/wib/.